

## Victory Continues in Malawi - Kenya Campaign

### Over 20,000 Respond to the Gospel

By Shad Williams

I have entitled this report on our recently completed Malawi – Kenya campaign “The Victory Continues” because that is exactly what it feels like after all these years – glorious victory in an ongoing battle for the souls of men for the glory of God. That is what I see in the lives and ministries of the wonderful, incredibly dedicated men and women we have worked with over all these years – victory in every sense. They have overcome, by the grace of God, and they continue to overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles in their daily battle for souls.



Gibson Kachaje

Our project began in Malawi, central Africa where my point could not be proven and exemplified any better than in the lives of Gibson Kachaje (52), National Director of GFE Malawi, his assistant Wales Banda (47), and evangelist Lauden Banda (51). I mention these three because they are the ones we worked with in this campaign. Gibson joined the GFE team by faith in 1987 with nothing to hang on to other than the

promises of God. At the time his uncle, Chief Hardwick Kachaje (now 85), was heading up the ministry, but since he was getting older he felt it best to pass the responsibility on to a younger man. He called upon his nephew Gibson who chose to leave his secure position with an import/export company and join, by faith, the ministry of GFE. He and his new bride Rachel (who is an invalid due to polio) took the reigns and began the work that has been going on now for 21 years. Year after year they have continued in the face of financial limitations and uncertainty, Rachel's physical limitations, changing politics in the country, the aids epidemic, draught and famine and the ever increasing encroachment of Islam. But through it all they have remained victorious, and God has used them to win hundreds of thousands to Jesus. In the first nine months of 2008 they have led over 213,000 people to Christ in 534 evangelistic meetings.

During this short project Sheila and I were privileged to once again travel up and down the roads of Malawi with these outstanding servants of God. We conducted 19 meetings in open-air markets and saw 5380 people pray to receive Jesus. One such meeting was conducted in Lizulu Market near the home of evangelist Lauden Banda. Lauden preaches in that Market, and in many others throughout the southern region of Malawi, with nothing more to work with than a bicycle for transportation and a megaphone powered by a



Lauden Banda



Extending the message of hope

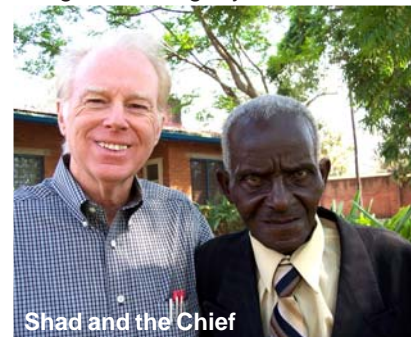
car battery. With that limited “equipment”, however, Lauden sees an average of 3000 to 5000 people saved every month, even in the rainy seasons. That is what I call victory in the battle for souls.

On Sunday morning, Sept. 14 we shared a message of faith with a new rural congregation led by a pastor who himself was saved in an open-air meeting in which he heard Gibson preach three years ago. After being saved, he felt God would have him to lead others to Jesus and some of those “others” now make up the congregation of his new church, which numbers over 100. These people, who literally have nothing, have begun building by faith a church building, which will accommodate 300 people when finished. They have gone as far as they can go and are trusting God for tin and concrete. I believe they will see the victory of God with the completion of their new church.



Wales Banda

Before leaving Malawi for Kenya, we interviewed Hardwick Kachake, “The Chief”, on video. Our ministry in Malawi began with an invitation from him and a trip there in November 1981. The Chief was instrumental in starting the ministry of GFE there in 1985. In those early days the Chief and I traveled up and down rough roads in borrowed or rented vehicles, which might or might not run, and we witnessed the birth of a ministry that would produce a great harvest for the Kingdom and glory to God in the years to come. I praise God He has allowed the Chief and his wife to live long enough to see it come to pass. The story of his life and the story of GFE Malawi is truly an ongoing story of victory in Jesus. It is a story that Sheila and I are grateful to be a small part of.



Shad and the Chief

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**Preaching in market in Kenya**

and Shad. In Kenya it was the same, but this time the names are Shad and Ben Bahati, and the year was 1990. In June of that year Sheila and I made an exploratory trip to the capital city of Nairobi to see if it was possible to begin a work there. At first it seemed hopeless. But one day at an open-air noon hour meeting at the railway station we met a young 26 year old evangelist named Ben Bahati. That Spirit-led, supernatural connection was made instantly and the rest, as they say, is history. Again, we got off to a very hard and rough start, and it took a couple of years for the ministry to really begin to take off. But when it did, it really did. We only saw about 3000 people come to Jesus during that first effort in 1990, but that number has swelled to millions today. There are now over 60 people on the evangelism team and there are more than 50 churches operating under GFE Kenya. Each year through daily open-air meetings, evangelistic school assemblies, evening film shows, and citywide festivals, hundreds of thousands are reached for Christ. Ben believes that God has led him to believe for 50 million souls in the remainder of his lifetime. He is only 45, so I believe he may be shooting too low.

In addition to our evangelistic meetings during this project, I was privileged to also conduct a three-day seminar on faith for 58 members of the evangelism team. God really poured out His Spirit on those sessions in which I shared the content of the book I have been working on for the past few years. Joining us for those days were evangelist Oyelo Ulimwenga (GFE Congo) and Evangelist Jonas Prince (GFE Nigeria). Oyelo began the work in Congo in January this year and Jonas began the work in Nigeria in April.



**Sunday morning service in GFE church**



**New church building in Eldoret**

From Malawi we moved on to Kenya where another great story of victory is in the making. Again, as in the case of all stories, it had a beginning. The ministry in Malawi began in 1981 with the supernatural convergence of two lives, Hardwick Kachaje



**GFE Kenya Evangelism Team  
(50 pastors not included)**



**Team members in new t-shirts**



**Drawing in the crowd**

We are excited to see how God uses these men and these ministries in the years to come. If it goes anything like Malawi and Kenya, I am sure it will serve only to enhance the story of victory we have witnessed so far.

After the closing session of the seminar we all gathered outside Ben's new church in Eldoret (The GFE Spiritual Life Center) for a group photo. Oh the excitement, the joy, the enthusiasm among those men and women of God! Oh what a glow of victory on every face! When I looked at that smiling group I told Sheila, "We are looking at spiritual history here." The scene reminded me of old photos I've seen in some old books on missions published a century ago or more. The people in the old photos are with Jesus now, but their lives live on in the lives of the generations that follow, and so will these. And not only do they live on, but they live on in the victory of the Garden, the victory of the cross, the victory of the grave and the victory of the resurrection. So will it be in the lives in the photo you see in this news-letter.



**Shad teaching in faith seminar**

In Kenya we saw another 15,000 come to Jesus, but that is just a small part of the story. The real story, the big story, continues on and on. Again it is a story I am proud and grateful to be a part of. And, my dear friends, I am grateful to all of you who have chosen to be a part of it also. Thank you for praying us through this project. Thank you for praying daily for SWEA - GFE. Thank you for joining us in the victory of the Gospel as We Go To Them.



**Sheila and Mary Bahati**

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